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INFORMATION ON A STORAGE SYSTEM IN A NETWORK

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to a non-final first office action in the above case dated June 27, 2006 in which the Examiner objected to certain claims rejected claim 3 as indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2), and rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) over cited art. Applicants amended the claims to overcome the objection, canceled claims 3, 13, and 23, which overcomes the Section 112 rejection, and amended the claims to further distinguish over the cited art. Applicants submit that pending claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-22, and 24-30 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.